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FM AMEMBASSY SANA
TO AMCONSUL KARACHI
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KARACHI FOR RCO

ACCRA FOR CEO BACKHAUS

E.O. 11 02: N/A
TAGS: UAMTC, YE
SUBJECT: SANA EMBASSY TELEPHONE EQUIPMENT

1. OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS THE SANA TELEPHONE SYSTEM HAS BEEN SLOWLY DETERIORATING. WE ARE GOING TO ITEMIZE JUST WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO SEE IF POSSIBLY EITHER KARACHI OR YR. BACKHAUS (WHO INSTALLED THE SYSTEM) CAN DIAGNOSE THE SITUATION AND PERHAPS SANA CAN HANDLE ITS OWN REPAIRS.

2. FIRST OF ALL IT SHOULD BE EXPLAINED THAT ALL THE TROUBLE IS OCCURRING IN THE ADMIN WING OF THE EMBASSY GROUNDS. THE TELEPHONES ARE ON THE END OF A 350 FT 25 PAIR CABLE.

A) THE 350 FT CABLE WAS SEVERED SOME MONTHS AGO BY A TRUCK.

EMBASSY SPLICED THE CABLE AND NORMAL SERVICE WAS RESUMED.

B) ABOUT ONE MONTH AGO THE GSO EXTENSION (10) BECAME INOPERATIVE. GSO COULD DIAL OUT BUT WHEN SOMEONE WOULD TRY TO CALL 10 THERE WOULD BE NO RING THEREFORE NO ONE WOULD ANSWER 10.

C) SOME WEEKS AGO TWO OF THE THREE TRUNK LINES BECAME IN-
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OPERATIVE FOLLOWED SHORTLY BY THE FINAL ONE GOING OUT THUS CUTTING THE ADMIN WING OFF FROM THE TRUNK SYSTEM.

D) FINALLY ON WEDNESDAY, 8 JUNE AT PRECISELY 14087 HRS THE FINAL LINK WITH EMBASSY (EXT. 11) QUIT NOW THERE IS NO WAY TO COMMUNICATE WITH ANYONE. SURPRISINGLY EXT. 11 STILL RINGS, BUT WHEN YOU PICK UP THERE IS NOTHING. JUST AFTER

IT WENT OUT YOU COULD STILL HEAR THE PERSON AT THE OTHER END,

BUT HE COULD NOT HEAR YOU.

3. CONSULAR BUILDING, ALSO LOCATED ABOUT 350 FT. FROM THE

MAIN SWITCH, HAS GONE COMPLETELY DEAD.

4. IN RECENT VISIT BY MR. GAPPA (A/RCO KARACHI) HE INSPECTED THE BREAK BUT FOUND THAT ALL WIRES SEEMED TO BE INTACT. AFTER HIS DEPARTURE EMBASSY WORKMEN FOUND A FRESH BREAK WHERE CABLE MUST HAVE BEEN RUBBING ON SOMETHING. BREAK WAS REPAIRED BUT TO NO AVAIL. SYSTEM STILL OUT. SO FAR THE CABLE RUN HAS HAD TO BE SPLICED IN THREE PLACES.

5. FOR ACCRA: PERHAPS BACKHAUS COULD ASSIST IN GIVING ADMIN OFF LEE SOME IDEA OF HOW TO GO ABOUT REPAIRING THE SYSTEM. LEE ASSISTED BACKHAUS IN INSTALLATION.

6. FOR KARACHI: DO YOU THINK IF WE INSTALLED A NEW CABLE RUN DIRECT TO SOME PLACE IN CHANCERY (THUS BYPASSING THE RESIDENCE) WE COULD OVERCOME THE PROBLEM? CABLE RUN WOULD BE MUCH LONGER (APPROX. 600 FT.) BUT IT WOULD HOOK UP NEARER THE POWER SOURCE.

7. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY HELP POSSIBLE. EMBASSY AWARE THAT RCO KARACHI UNDERSTAFFED, AND WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO REPAIR THE SYSTEM WITHOUT TECH. IF ALL ELSE FAILS UNFORTUNATELY WE WILL URGENTLY NEED TELEPHONE TECH. ASSISTANCE.

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